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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,041,704
AB United States Patent No. 5,953,426
AC United States Patent No. 5,790,768
AD United States Patent No. 5,710,721
AE United States Patent No. 5,707,158
AF United States Patent No. 5,651,103
AG United States Patent No. 5,608,636
AH United States Patent No. 5,155,499
AI United States Patent No. 5,117,374
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AO European Application 921 009
AP European Application 921 008
AQ European Application 762 334
AT XILINX, "Spartan-II 2.5 V FPGA Family: Functional
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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA through AG, AL through AQ, and AT were identified and discussed in the present application, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

The German counterpart to reference AD, together with references AH, AI and AJ, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. Since all of these references are in English, no further comment and concern of the teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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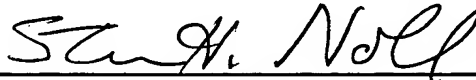
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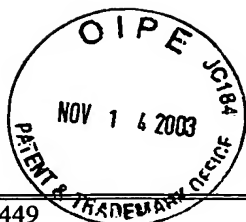
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